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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants respectfully request that the documents listed in the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

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